

orland Strait on the East away to the State of Maine in the West. Its stations are some on the sea coast, and others by river or lake, as far from the sea shore as is possible in the Maritime Provinces. No general remarks can properly describe stations so very different and sometimes opposite in their characteristics, so that a few descriptive statements may be presented in detail.

THE BAILLIE DISTRICT,

which is the station nearest to the American line, and contiguous both to the congregations of St. James and St. Stephen, was many years ago a settled charge though always weak, has been reduced to a mission station. Mr. J. L. George, who did good service there last summer reports the people attentive and earnest. They met all expenses, and being anxious for winter supply, he recommends an effort toward the settlement of a pastor, or failing in that, that they be placed under charge of the nearest minister.

ST. GEORGE,

in the far west of New Brunswick, and on the Southern coast, includes the three districts of St. George, Mascarene and Pennfield. The first, the main station, is slowly recovering (in the words of Mr. McKenzie who labored most acceptably among them last summer,) from the effects of a great storm which some ten or twelve years ago, swept down whole ranges of trees, nearly spoiling the lumber trade, and from the more recent cessation of granite works conducted by the Bay of Fundy Granite Co. Here, as in Baillie, some have struggled nobly to have regular pastoral work, but have failed through the want of heart and liberality of others. Here Mr. McKenzie gave one service every week, with alternate services at Mascarene, a fishing settlement stretching along the coast, and Pennfield a farming district 10 or 12 miles inland. Over this whole district families are divided, as well as the community, among different religious bodies, and the missionary found the commencement of his work disheartening, but the regular services told favorably, and before the term closed the people had been sensibly aroused, and asked not to be forsaken. Rev. Mr. Burgess did good service by visiting each settlement, encouraging those who had a "mind to work," and dispensing the Lord's Supper at St. George, when forty-nine sat down at the Lord's Table, four of these for the first time. Such a body should neither be forsaken nor neglected.

THE QUACO DISTRICT.

is nearly as far to the eastward of St. John as St. George is to the west, and also on the south coast, and includes St. Martin's, Fairfield, Cross Roads, Gardner's Creek, and Black River, extending along the Bay of Fundy for twenty miles. In the piping times of lumber, years ago, these places had two summer missionaries, but many having been thrown out of employment, and money being scarce, one only can now be supported.

Mr. C. D. McLaren supplied these stations, holding services in ten different places in all, sixty-two on Sabbath days and twenty on week evenings, visiting 86 families, of which 50 are Presbyterian at least in part. "The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper were dispensed by Rev. Dr. Waters in August, and a time of refreshing enjoyed. The Lord's Supper was then administered for the first time by Presbyterians in this field. There were twenty-four communicants, of whom sixteen were added on public profession of their faith in Christ. There are others who desire to take this important step as soon as another opportunity is afforded.

Our limits forbid particulars respecting the whole eleven fields, and therefore we pass by some of those with which the readers of former reports may be familiar merely mentioning that work as systematic and faithful has been done in Campbell Settlement by Mr. R. D. Ross, in in Waterford and Mechanics Settlement by Mr. Angus Sillars, and in Nerepis and Jerusalem by Mr. R. C. Quinn. But there are yet two districts in this Presbytery that are very specially of a missionary character.

BOLESTOWN

is in the very centre of New Brunswick, and near the source of a branch of the Miramichi, yet in the St. John Presbytery. Here are nine stations which were supplied by Mr. James F. Blair, who, after a hard season's work reports as follows:—"I think the people are able to support a minister without aid, but not able to support two. They need to be taught their duty in the matter of giving. If two or three outside settlements could be taken in and a division made, the people could then support two; and there are some new settlements within reach. At present the utmost they could do would be the support of one." Mr. Blair wrought with encouragement and success.